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In Reply Refer To:
PL 8-2
Alaska's Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. von Scheben:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has reviewed the draft of Alaska's Long Range Transportation Plan – 2030 Let's Get Moving.

We have the following comments on the draft.

Page 5, Exhibit 1: The box for "Implementing Actions" show diagram arrows inputting information into the box but does not show any arrows outputting information.

Page 6, 23 U.S.C. 134 / 49 U.S.C 5303(i)(2)(B) and 23 U.S.C. 135 / 49 U.S.C. 5304 (f)(4)
The state long range transportation plan shall include discussion of environmental mitigation activities and the discussion would be developed with Federal, State, and Tribal wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.

The ADOT/PF has assured the FHWA that the discussions have occurred but agencies would be providing comments and having discussions with the ADOT/PF after the draft long range transportation plan was published for public review.

Page 6, 23 U.S.C 134 / 49 U.S.C 5303(i)(4) and 23 U.S.C. 135 / 49 U.S.C. (5304(f)(2)(D)
The state long range transportation plan shall include consultation with State, Tribal, and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resource, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation.

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Page 49, Exhibit 15: The Alaska Marine Highway System Master Plan should be shown as part of the transportation system plans.

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Various Pages, Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS): Descriptions and discussions of the AMHS indicate that the water route between ports is classified as a part of the National Highway System (NHS). This is incorrect and a letter confirming this statement is being drafted.

If any questions should arise please contact Mr. Peter Serrano, Transportation Planner of the FHWA at 907.586.7422.

Sincerely,


for David C. Miller
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cc:

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